

REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY

Several Recommendations Made By Body—Urge Citizens to Care for Public Buildings.

Rutherfordton, May 20.—Following is the report of the Grand Jury which closed its work Friday afternoon. Mr. F. D. Koone was foreman. Judge Sink commended the report and urged that all citizens take pride in keeping the court house and other public buildings clean and attractive. He said no one should be allowed to strike matches on the floor or walls, or throw cigar or cigarette stubs on the floor or spit on the walls or floor.

We, the Grand Jury at the May Term 1931, of the Superior Court of Rutherford county, beg leave to submit the following as our report:

We have considered and passed upon all bills and presentments which have come before us during the term and returned the same to the court.

We have inspected the county Court House and the county offices. We find the records in good condition. We recommend that the old wills of Rutherford county be transferred from the old books to one new book and it is recommended that the County Commissioners employ some one to do this work at as early a date as possible. We recommend that a new Roster of North Carolina Confederate troops of the Civil War be purchased or obtained by exchange.

In view of the fact that many of the school busses now operated by the County Board of Education have been in operation from seven to ten years it is our judgment that the Board should begin a definite policy of replacement of not less than ten trucks per year with a view to safer and more efficient operation. However, we wish to commend the excellent record of efficient and economical operation to this time.

We recommend that the County Tax Collector shall be required to give bond in amount sufficient to cover taxes intrusted to them for collection.

We find sinking fund on deposit in Industrial Loan and Investment Bank of Forest City, N. C., amounting to approximately \$32,000.00 and surety bond only \$25,000.00. We recommend that the bond be increased to cover the entire amount.

We inspected the Court House

and find it is not kept in a sanitary condition. We recommend that the Court House and grounds be kept in good condition and that in order that this be done it is suggested that sufficient help be obtained to keep the offices and books dusted, the toilets in sanitary condition and we would suggest that a colored woman be employed to help the janitor do this work. We further recommend that the women employees of the court house be allowed to have a lock on the private toilet and given keys to same.

We have visited the county jail and find that they need fifty new bed ticks and also fifty swinging cots and two case hardened bars to replace some that have been sawed into by some unknown prisoners. We also find some overhead plastering that needs repairing. The jail was found to be in a nice and sanitary condition.

We visited and examined the Chain Gang Camp. We examined the books and find the total expense of it is \$17,481.26 for the last ten months. We think the boss men are trying to do their duty. We recommend that a sufficient number of new drinking cups be provided.

We visited the County Home for the aged and infirm and found that the inmates are well cared for. We found the buildings well kept and in a sanitary condition. We found that the cost per inmate amounts to \$14.72 per month and wish to commend Mr. and Mrs. Ryster, keepers of the home, for their efficient management of the institution and their kindly treatment toward the inmates.

We, the Grand Jury, want to thank your Honor, H. Hoyle Sink for his able charge and courtesy to the Grand Jury. We feel that the State is well taken care of under the guidance of such an able judge. We also wish to thank the Honorable J. Will Pless, Jr., for his courtesy and business like performance as Solicitor of this court.

CHAIRS SPROUT FOLIAGE WHILE USED IN STORE

Marion, May 25.—The Magness Music company here has some chairs in its display room that are alive and growing—and at the same time portable.

About six weeks ago, Mr. Magness had some rustic seats made of green willow and installed them in his store for the convenience of customers.

Soon thereafter they put forth flourishing green shoots, some of which have grown rapidly. Several of the larger shoots have already reached a length of 10 inches and are still growing.

BEE SPECIALIST IN COUNTY THIS WEEK

Mr. C. L. Sams, bee specialist of State College, Raleigh, will visit the county Friday, May 29th in the interest of bee keeping.

F. E. Patton, County Agent, announces the following meetings and invites those who are interested to come:

Victor Logan, near E. N. Washburn's Store, Bostic, Friday, May 29th, 10 A. M.

Rex. Bridges, near Ellenboro, Friday, May 29th at 2 p. m.

GOLDEN VALLEY CROPS DAMAGED

Bostic, R-3, May 25.—One of the heaviest hail storms ever known in Rutherford visited the Eastern section of the county late Friday afternoon.

It started about 12 miles northeast of Rutherfordton on the Morganton highway and ranged east, doing much damage to the farms of H. S. McCurry and William Murray in Golden Valley township.

McCurry stated Saturday that he had seven acres of fine wheat that would not yield one bushel. Hail at 11 o'clock Saturday morning was still piled in his fields, some balls an inch in diameter. McCurry said he was 70 years old but had never witnessed such a hail and wind storm. Trees were blown down and hail as large as hen eggs fell. The storm was less than a mile wide. It did much damage in Duncan Creek township. It ranged toward Cleveland county.

Recent heavy rains in Rutherford county have done much damage to land. Farmers are planting over in certain sections.

Water Coolers, Ice Cream Freezers, Lemon Squeezers, Bee Smokers at Farmers Hardware Co.

GREEN RIVER BAPTISTS TO MEET

Associational Meeting Will Be Held With Piedmont Baptist Church Fifth Sunday.

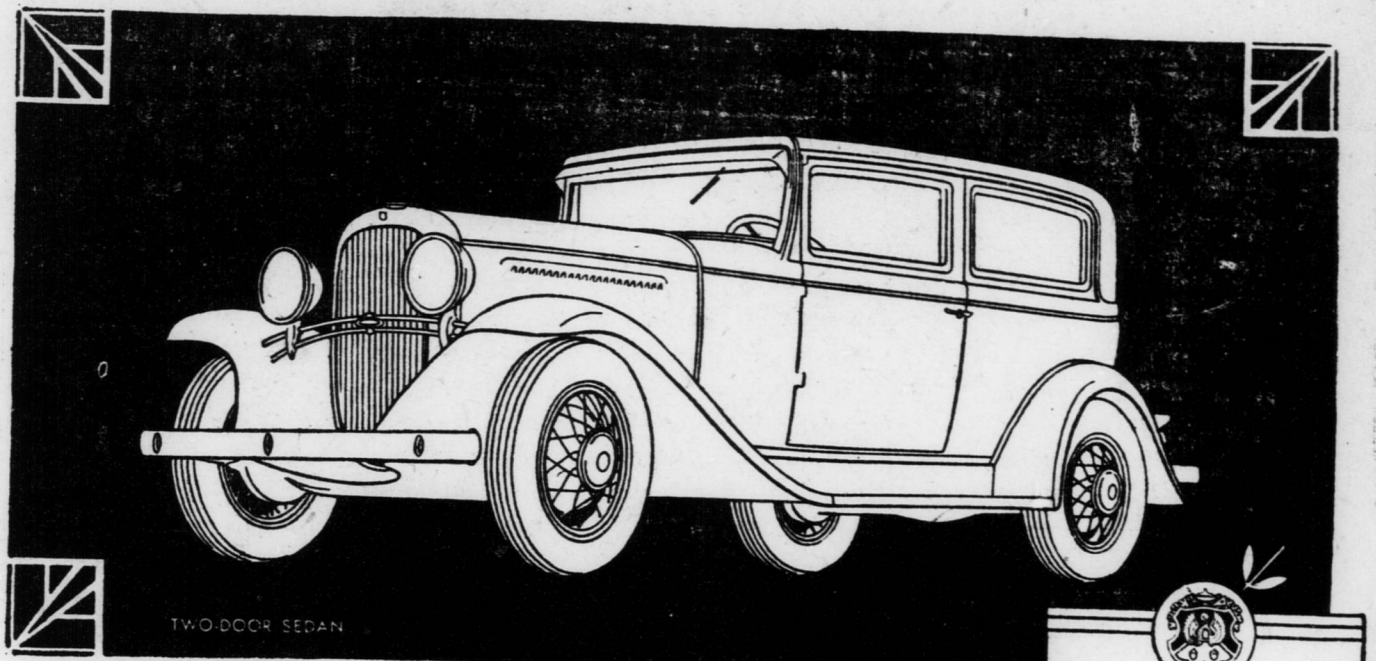
Rutherfordton, May 25.—The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Green River Baptist Association will be held with Piedmont Baptist church, three miles West of Rutherfordton on May 31st, all day, beginning at 10 A. M. The program will be similar to the one planned for the Fifth Sunday in March, which was called off, due to rainy weather. Every church and Sunday school in the association is urged to send a full delegation. Missions will be discussed by several able ministers. Dinner will be served on the church lawn at noon.

Rev. C. L. Taylor will preach a special Missionary sermon at 11 A. M. In the afternoon from 1 to 1:15 Mr. Guilford Nanney will lead the devotional which will be followed by a discussion of Home Missions. Rev. G. G. O'Neil will discuss Foreign Missions. The Keeter twins will sing. There will be other special music. Mrs. G. G. O'Neil will discuss "Our Baptist Hospital." There will be other features and business.

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